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In re: Patent Application Of
        Stephen A. Burdeau

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For: Methods And Apparatus For Processing
Administrative Requests Of A Distributed Network
Application Executing In A Clustered Computing
Environment

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Attn: Examiner Li B. Zhen:

     I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action dated, May 23, 2002 And Fee(s) Due, (2-month extension of time) in the above-identified patent application, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, and payment of $400.00 for a 2-month extension of time, charged to deposit account no. 19-3790 is being telefaxed to Art Unit 2151, at telefax number 703-746-7239 on October 23, 2002.

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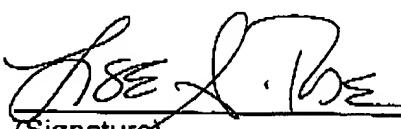
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RESPONSE INCLUDING AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below. A two-month extension of time has been included herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. The method recited in claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

receiving the administrative request at the master node via the named pipe; and

calling an administrative application programming interface (API) of the distributed network application to initiate processing of the request by the designated master node.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 5, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,671,414 (Nicolet)(hereinafter "Nicolet") in view of Publication No. 2001/0052024A1 (Devarakonda et al.)(hereinafter "Devarakonda").